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## Nebraska Wildland Fire Academy Prepares for Student Arrival

Fort Robinson State Park and members of Nebraska Forest Service, Nebraska Emergency Management Agency, Nebraska State Fire Marshal's Office, U.S. Forest Service, and instructors are preparing for the Nebraska Wildland Fire Academy (#NFWA2015).

Last year Nebraska Fire Service reported 879 fires with 23,157 acres burned.

"Wildfire training is an important aspect of minimizing the impact of wildfires that occur," said Casey McCoy of the Nebraska Forest Service.

Before the formation of fire departments most wildfires of any size stopped only when impacted by natural terrain such as rivers that provided natural fire breaks.

This year, 13 classes are confirmed and will provide a variety of training aspects to better prepare responders for wildfire suppression efforts. In addition to firefighter training, members of various agencies are working on position task books to prepare them as certified incident management team members.

"This is a great opportunity to help the fire service better serve their communities and our state." McCoy said, "We want to thank the students and instructors who are attending; some from other states who have traveled many miles to be a part of this meaningful training opportunity."

NWFA continues through April 19. Follow updates on @NEMAtweets, @WildfireAcademy on Twitter with the hashtag #NFWA2015 and on facebook at nema.page or NebraskaWildlandFireAcademy

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